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REMARKS

Claims 28-30, 38-41, 46-60, 62, and 63 are pending in the application upon entry of the amendments. Claims 28-30, 38-41, 48-53, 60, and 62 have been amended to correct dependency. Claims 27, 31, 42-45 have been canceled without prejudice. Since the amendments place the application in condition for allowance, do not require further searching, and/or place the claims in a better position for appeal, entry is respectfully requested. Favorable consideration in light of the Terminal Disclaimer, amendments, and the remarks which follow is respectfully requested.

The Amendments and Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner's indication that claim 63 contains allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. Claims 27-30, 38-41, 46-60, and 62 depend, directly or indirectly, from allowed, independent claim 63. Thus, the subject application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

The Double Patenting Rejection

The claims have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over co-pending application Serial No. 09/789,745. The subject application and co-pending application Serial No. 09/879,745 are owned by the same entity, Engelhard Corporation. The enclosed Terminal Disclaimer renders this provisional rejection moot.

Statement of Common Ownership

Notwithstanding the section above, it is noted that the subject application and U.S. Patent 6,294,018, which is the parent application of co-pending application Serial No. 09/879,745, were at the time the inventions made subject to assignment to the same entity Engelhard Corporation, and indeed are owned by the same entity Engelhard Corporation.

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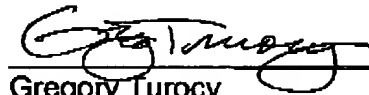
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Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event any fees are due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Respectfully submitted,

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